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CRIT scores major victory in court case

Sovereignty respected as federal Gaming Commission prevented from improper regulation of Class III gaming

A federal judge sided with CRIT in an August ruling that the federal National Indian Gaming Commission overstepped its statutory authority in imposing standards on Class III gaming activities conducted by tribes.

"This is an important decision because it stops a federal agency from overstepping its bounds and improperly imposing regulatory requirements."

— Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

The decision in the case, Colorado River Indian Tribes v. National Indian Gaming Commission, reinforces the distinct regulatory roles given to tribal, state and federal regulators, and prevents the federal agency from exercising authority that Congress gave to the tribes and states.

"This is an important decision because it stops a federal agency from overstepping its bounds and improperly imposing regulatory requirements in a way that's contradictory to federal law," said CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "Our sovereignty has been respected and this is good news for our people and all tribes."

"Indian gaming is heavily regulated, and rightfully so. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act gave to each of the tribal, federal, and state governments its own layer of regulation of tribal

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CRIT Celebrates La Paz Lands



CRIT members celebrated a victory that took 90 years to achieve. Hundreds of Tribal members gathered both at the La Paz Lands themselves and at the BlueWater Resort & Casino for events to commemorate the return of 15,000 acres that will now comprise CRIT's southern boundary.

The day began with a run beginning at the Poston Monument and ending almost 20 miles later at the northwest corner of the lands, where a blessing of the lands took place.

Later, hundreds of Tribal members gathered at the casino for a celebration, including food, entertainment and special guest speakers. For more on the celebration, see Pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

(Above) Almost two dozen Tribal members participated in the run to start the day. (Right) Joe Sharpe, Anthony Drennan Jr. and Henry Little address the crowd at the La Paz Lands blessing.



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Tribal Council approves drug testing

Council itself will be tested as part of program; continues drug crackdown

The CRIT Tribal Council's efforts to crack down on drug use on the reservation continues, with plans being prepared for a random drug testing program for Tribal employees.

The Council recently directed Tribal staff to start preparing a drug testing program, and the staff is currently working on making such a program a reality.

The Tribal Council itself will be among the first to be tested for drug use.

Staff is currently looking for a contractor to provide the drug testing services because there are no such companies in the Parker area. However, that is not expected to be a significant obstacle in developing a testing program.

The testing program will be part of CRIT's ongoing zero-tolerance policy to drug use on the reservation.

The policy has included tougher law enforcement and prosecution, as well as other measures to curb the use and sale of illegal drugs.

Methamphetamines, in particular, have been

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News, information from your Tribal Government

Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.
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Eldred Enas (Treasurer), Dennis Patch,
Ray Aspa, Sr., Herman “TJ” Laffoon,
Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Fernando “Bo” Flores

CRIT Royalty represent the best about our people

The Miss CRIT Pageant is one of CRIT’s great traditions. The winner each year represents the Tribes with a combination of youth, energy and an eye toward Tribal traditions.

Those named Miss CRIT royalty are selected because of their combination of intelligence, talent and personality. They are ambassadors to the outside world, and they serve us well.

This year’s Miss CRIT, Whitney Sharpe, has served the people of CRIT well. We thank her and congratulate her for her service, and wish her great success in the coming years.

Now, the people of the Colorado River Indian Tribes have new Tribal royalty — new Miss CRIT Susan Ann Welsh, Junior Miss CRIT Mandy Lyree Sevada and Little Miss CRIT NiKayla Martin.

Their jobs in this role will be to honor the traditions and heritage of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, while showing the world the kind of talented people who are growing up on the CRIT reservation.

We wish them the best of luck, and we’re confident they will serve us well, just as their predecessors have done.

Zero-tolerance drug policy continues with testing

The CRIT Tribal Council continues to work toward solving one of the biggest problems our reservation and our region faces — illegal drug trafficking and use, and more specifically methamphetamines.

It’s a problem that affects all of us in some way, shape or form, from taking away Tribal resources that could be better used elsewhere to — in many tragic cases — affecting those we love.

The latest step the Tribal Council has taken to fight the use of drugs on the reservation is the examination of an employee drug testing policy.

It’s not something that’s being done to pick on Tribal employees. It’s the kind of program that takes place in thousands of government agencies and businesses across the country, and is designed to protect not only the employees themselves but those they serve.

The Tribal Council itself will be subject to this random drug testing program, and will fully comply with its regulations. Currently, Tribal staff is working on developing the logistics and guidelines to ensure the program will be successful and beneficial for our people.

The program is one of many measures taken over the past couple of years as part of CRIT’s zero-tolerance policy toward drug use.

The goal of all these efforts is to one day rid our reservation and our people of the destructive, dangerous influence of methamphetamines and other illegal drugs.

Active wildfire season finally ends

More than 55 wildfires strike on CRIT lands, but no structures or homes lost

The wildfire season on the CRIT reservation has finally come to an end, but not before scorching thousands of acres of Tribal lands and going down as one of the most active fire seasons ever.

The season officially ended at the beginning of October, and as of mid-September, there had been more than 55 wildfires on the CRIT reservation so far this year.

The high number of fires was due to the higher-than-average rainfall experienced over the winter and spring months. The rainfall spurred the growth of new vegetation, which dried out and became fuel when the temperatures grew hotter and the air grew drier.

“From the winter rains, we had a lot of brush grow along the river,” said Terrilynn Little, CRIT Fire Chief. “This year has been the busiest we’ve had in quite a while.”

The good news is that despite the high number of fires, Little said that no structures or homes were lost during the fire season.

The largest of the fires was the Bosque Fire, which charred 4,100 acres of Tribal lands back

in April, including a number of acres of mesquite forest.

Little said that the growth of the brush created a new problem that hasn’t been faced regularly in years past — the desire of residents to burn the brush around their homes, which sometimes led to the development of wildfires.

“Because of the weeds we had, a lot of people were doing burns around their houses, and sometimes they would catch the brush in those areas,” she said.

Fire restrictions were in place for much of the summer, closing down significant portions of the reservation to public access in an effort to curb the number of man-made fires.

Those restrictions were lifted when the Monsoon rains came in late July and early August.

Little said the CRIT Fire Department is now focusing on helping residents living near brush areas to prepare for next fire season.

She said this is an ideal time to start cutting down grass and weeds around homes and structures, to prepare for next season and prevent possible structure fires.

“We want people to keep a defensible space between structures and brush,” she said.

Human West Nile case reported in County

Individual expected to be OK; CRIT EPO continues spraying program

An 87-year-old La Paz County man became the first person in the area to test positive for West Nile Virus in August.

The man is expected to make a full recovery, and it is unclear exactly where he was when bitten by the mosquito that infected him.

West Nile Virus is a disease carried by mosquitoes, who breed in areas of standing water. It has been found in insects on the CRIT reservation and other areas of La Paz County.

The CRIT Environmental Protection Office has been working with local, state and federal officials to monitor the spread of West Nile Virus, and despite the positive test in the local resident, appears to be making progress in fighting the disease.

Diana DeLeon, Director of CRIT EPO, said

that the office’s combined approach of trapping, spraying, surveillance and other preventative measures has helped to reduce the mosquito population.

CRIT’s spraying program has included applying larvacide to areas of the reservation where there is standing water every couple of weeks.

“The population was very high at the beginning of the program, but since then has been much lower,” she said. “The feedback from the community is that people are noticing fewer mosquitoes in the area.”

DeLeon said the best defense against West Nile Virus is personal protection, including eliminating standing water around homes and property and wearing insect repellent when outside. West Nile is also a danger to livestock and pets, furthering the need to watch for areas of standing water.

We want to hear from you!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. Share your thoughts on key issues and tell us about things the people of CRIT might find of interest.

We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited for length. You may send letters to:

Route 1, Box 23-B Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to critnews@aol.com

Gaming funds to help La Paz Hospital

ER, trauma care At La Paz Regional Hospital get major contribution

The CRIT Tribal Council has voted for the second year in a row to direct revenues generated by the BlueWater Resort & Casino for critical needs at the La Paz Regional Hospital in Parker, Arizona.

The donation was marked on Wednesday night with an event at the hospital, where Tribal Council members gathered with area leaders to celebrate the contribution and its positive impact on rural health care.

Doctor and resource shortages have created significant challenges for rural hospitals and health care in recent years.

As part of CRIT's gaming compact with the State of Arizona, CRIT is required to provide a tribal contribution that is a certain percentage of gaming funds.

Eighty-eight percent of those funds are mandated to go to the state. CRIT — and all tribes — have the option of keeping the other 12 percent of its tribal contribution in its local area rather than send it to Phoenix for state government.

The Tribal Council has decided to dedicate these funds to improve the emergency room at

the hospital, specifically to build a new trauma room at the facility.

“It is important to the Tribal Council to keep revenues from the BlueWater Resort & Casino in our community, and we want to make sure they were used in ways that would meet critical community needs,” said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

“The La Paz Regional Hospital provides services to virtually every member of the greater Parker community, so we thought this would be an extremely beneficial use of these funds. The funds we contributed last year were put to great use and are helping to save lives in our community.

“We are pleased and proud to be able to make a contribution to these efforts once again,” he said.

CRIT has a long history of supporting the La Paz Regional Hospital.

The hospital itself is located on Tribal land and serves both Tribal and non-Tribal members of the community.

The funds are required by law to be directed to a local government entity. CRIT will direct the funds to La Paz County with an agreement that they will be earmarked for hospital improvements.

Upcoming Events

Events coming to BlueWater Resort

- Ricky Van Shelton will be performing at the Bingo Concert Hall at the BlueWater Resort & Casino on Saturday October 15. The first show is at 6 p.m., and the second show is at 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$22 in advance and \$27 day-of-show.

- Trent Carlini, the “The Dream King,” will perform his Elvis Pressley act on Saturday, November 19 at the Bingo Concert Hall. The first show is at 6 p.m., and the second show is at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$27 day-of-show.

- The first BlueWater Resort & Casino Enduro boat race will be held on October 8 and 9. For more information on this event, contact Ross Wallach at (562) 633-6200 or e-mail Rosssdboss26@yahoo.com.

- The BlueWater River Run, consisting of giant scale model Reno-style air racers, will be held from October 20 to 23. Actual speeds of the planes are well over 200 miles per hour. For more information on this event, contact Denny or Barbara Baker at (928)_ 513-1224 or e-mail Race690@AOL.com.

- On October 20, Relics ‘N’ Rods will hold their annual "Run to the Sun" Car Show and Poker Run at the BlueWater Resort & Casino East Parking Lot. For more information on this event, contact Walter or Beverly Foxcroft at (928) 453-9683 or e-mail foxcrofts@yahoo.com.

- On Monday October 31, the BlueWater will hold its annual Halloween Costume Party in the Dig Lounge. A thousand dollars in prize money will be paid. For more information contact Dempsey Holt at (928) 669-7035 or e-mail dholt@bluewaterfun.com.

- The 59th BlueWater Resort & Casino Thanksgiving Regatta will be held on November 26. For more information on this event contact Ross Wallach at (562) 633-6200 or e-mail Rosssdboss26@yahoo.com.

Dig Lounge schedule

- October 5-8: Swift Kick, a four-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections for the 50s to the 90s.
- October 12-15: Reckless Nights, a four-piece male band specializing in today’s country, classic country and classic rock.
- October 19-22: Suite 33, a high-energy variety dance band featuring Top 40, classic rock, 50s and 60s and variety dance.
- October 26-29: Fast Forward, a four-piece band from Southern California. Their large and extensive repertoire includes hits from classic dance tunes to the 50s and 60s to disco, modern rock & alternative.
- November 2-5: Livin’ On The Ledge, a Native American five-piece group playing oldies, 60s and 70s, a touch of country and variety dance music.
- November 9-12: Pilot, with a female fronting a three-piece band playing rhythm & blues from the 50s and 60s, Top 40 dance, classic rock, old school and disco.
- November 16-19: Suite 33.
- November 23-26: Clark County Express, a four-piece male band specializing in Southern and classic rock and country.

CRIT Enrollment Department

This is the Semi-Annual Certification of the CRIT membership rolls. If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Department.

Resolution No. 200-05

A resolution for the Semi-Annual Certification of the Current Membership Roll of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in special meeting assembled on August 15, 2005.

WHEREAS ,the Colorado River Indian Tribes is a federally recognized Tribe, duly organized with a Tribal Governing body, known as the Tribal Council, according to the provisions in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article II, Section 1.a. of the Constitution and Article VI, Section 3, of the Government Code 83-04 of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, a current membership roll has been prepared by Tribal officials; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Constitution and Bylaws, Article II and Government Code, Section 1-202 (B) the Tribal Council is required to semi-annually certify the current membership roll; and

WHEREAS, the names of all persons who are deceased and all persons who have relinquished, in writing, their membership in the Colorado River Indian Tribes, or any other Tribe, shall be noted on the roll and the names of persons whose applications for enrollment have been approved by the Tribal Council shall be added to the Current Membership Roll;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 83-04, the Enrollment Committee has made its decision with respect to the recommended semi-annual certification of the current membership roll, Tribal Council has reviewed said decision and all pertinent material;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council hereby certifies the Semi-Annual current membership roll to include the above certified membership roll supplements;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Chairman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are authorized to execute any documents necessary to implement this action.

The foregoing resolution was on August 15, 2005 duly approved by a vote of 5 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining, by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes,

pursuant to the authority vested in it by Section 1, Article II of the Constitution and By laws of the Tribes, ratified by the Tribes on March 1, 1975 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1975, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934, (46 Stat. 984). This resolution is effective as of the date of its adoption.

New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.b. R-21-05, dated January 31, 2005

Juan Antonio Alvarado, Jr., Jacob Roanhorse Aspa, Spike Dean Fisher, Ty Redhorse Fisher, Angel Hernandez, Gabriel Hernandez, Jr., Jesse Holmes, Whitney Irene James, Tamar Asjiah McCabe, Alberto John Pablo-Hill, Tereesa Leeann Pena, Eric Kiowa Poolaw, Kiana Chanelle Robinson, Yasmine Angel Robledo, Savannah Dru Scott, Kenna Michelle Tahbo, Alycia Rose Taliman

New Applicants, Article II, Section 1.b. R-98-05, dated May 6, 2005

Cheyanne Marisol Ahasteen-Canez, Blaize Ahasteen Perez, Jazmine Jayde Bender, Marilyn Mae Booth, Nathaniel Ivan Claw, Alexis Rayden Dutcher, Sir Cruz Fernandez, Jacob Walker Honahni Fields, Joshua Thomas Mato-Wi Fields, Joseph Carl Tokala Fields, Mary Esperanza Ginger Fields, Sonrisa Jean Lily Fields, Susanna Louise Rosalinda Fields, Molly Phyllis Fisher, Anthony Joel Flores, Matthew Ayden Flores, Alex Flores, Robert Adam Flores, Rudy Flores III, DeAngelo Dimitri Harper, Kody Kent Harper, Lily Adriel Henry, Rana Jazz Jordan, Lathaniel Markeese McCowan, Sheridan Keith McCowan, Naomi Dawn Moreno, Wesley Kolalah Mummey, Mary Elizabeth Munoz, Faith Joy Nez, Caleb Jacobi Roberts, Jasmine Reed Scott, Leo Scott, Jr., Haeli Mabelena Stevens, Layla Alexis Yarbrough

Relinquishments

Jackson Nicholas Reina, R-17-05, dated January 31, 2005; Nicole Nuchini Reina, R-18-05, dated January 31, 2005; April Tara Martin, R-19-05, dated January 31, 2005; Adrian Brian Enas, R-20-05, dated January 31, 2005; Benjamin Luke Lloyd, R-101-05, dated May 6, 2005; Elizabeth Marie Lloyd, R-102-05, dated May 6, 2005

Deceased

Dorothea Sharp, January 19, 2005; Huabert Hunter, January 19, 2005; Vincent Leon Gonzalez, January 21, 2005; Epifanio Solaiza, March 9, 2005; Phillip Short, Jr., March 17, 2005; Nathaniel Nez, Sr., March 23, 2005; Sharon Faye Burns, March 28, 2005; Esther Mae Aspa (Marentes), April 2, 2005; Rita Renee Romero, April 12, 2005; Vincent Alcaida, April 18, 2005; Keith Humeumptewa, May 10, 2005

New Miss CRIT, Tribal Royalty crowned at pageant

Two nights of fun-filled pageantry led to the unveiling of three new Tribal queens. On September 23-24 at the Manataba Park stage, 11 young tribal member ladies vied for the title of Miss, Junior and Little Miss Colorado River Indian Tribes 2005-06.

Along with the 44th annual competition, a historical event and a competition for tribal males (Mr. CRIT, CRIT Brave and CRIT Lil' Scout) where there were five total competitors also took place.

The new Miss CRIT for 2005-06 is Susan Ann Welsh, 22-year-old daughter of Diane Mitchell and Eric Welsh. She is of Navajo, Mohave, and Chemehuevi decent.

Susan recently graduated from Utah State University in the field of Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Psychology, Sociology, and Family Human Development. She is currently employed with the Special Diabetes Project program. Welsh performed the Navajo harvest dance as her talent, and other awards Welsh received were Neat As A Pin, Most Traditional, and Most Talented awards.

Irene Krystal Soliz received the First Attendant honors. Irene is the daughter of Amana Leivas-Sharpe and Hector Soliz, and is Chemehuevi. The Second Attendant award was received by Tanya Angela Harper, who is the daughter of Angie and Tony Harper, Sr. Tanya is 17, and currently a senior at Parker High School.

The Junior Miss CRIT title went to Mandy Lyree Sevada, a Navajo and Ute. She is the 16-year-old daughter of proud parents Vangie Skaggs



(Left to Right) Miss CRIT Susan Ann Welsh, Little Miss Nikayla Martin and Junior Miss Mandy Lyree Sevada.

and Packey Sevada. She is in the 9th grade at Parker High School. Mandy also received the Neat As a Pin and Talent awards. Mandy performed the Eagle Dance for her talent.

The First Attendant to Jr. Miss CRIT is 16-year-old Jaymee Li Moore. Jennifer Arlene Corona, 15, was named Second Attendant to Jr. Miss CRIT. ShuNeen T. Hogan, at 13 the

youngest in this category took 3rd Attendant honors to Jr. Miss.

Eleven-year-old NiKayla Martin was deemed the Little Miss titleholder. Her parents are Nikari Nez and Curtiss Martin, Jr. She is of Mohave, Navajo, Chemehuevi and Quechan descent and

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Fifth-Annual Fall Gathering coming November 19th

The Fall Gathering is a time for the celebration of Native American culture, including dance, music and art. (Right) Participants in the 2004 event perform a traditional dance. This year's event will be held on November 19 at the BlueWater Resort & Casino. It is sponsored by the BlueWater and the CRIT Tourism Office.



CRIT will host the Fifth Annual Fall Gathering 2005 on November 19 at the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

All Tribal and Native American communities are invited to participate in the event, which is also open to the general public.

The event is sponsored by the CRIT Tourism Office and the BlueWater Resort & Casino. The event starts at 2 p.m.

The event will focus on the preservation of authentic traditional tribal dances and songs, and authentic handmade arts and crafts.

For more information, please contact Ron Charles, Tourism Director, at (928) 669-6757 or at crittourism@rraz.net.

2005 Fall Gathering

WHEN: November 19

WHERE: BlueWater Resort & Casino

**FOR MORE INFO:
(928) 669-6757**

CRIT BRIEFS

News from around the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation

Grant announced for Native teachers

The CRIT Education Department has announced a partnership with Arizona State University's Center for Indian Education, for the Indigenous Teacher Preparation Program.

This innovative grant supports the training of American Indian Teachers for Kindergarten through 8th grades. This innovative grant supports the training of American Indian Teachers for Kindergarten through Eighth grades. The program features a foundation of the field of Indian Education; on-site learning through a contrast of reservation and urban Native community educational settings with five-week classroom internship rotations; a full-time immersion style learning format; an all native, intertribal cohort as a professional peer group; and a support network of peers, experienced classroom teachers, principals, community partners, program staff and faculty.

The program will also help teachers transition into the classroom, said by veteran teachers to be their toughest year in the field. The grant will pay teacher candidates a stipend of up to \$1,700 a month, which will include dependent assistance. Books and tuition, fees to take state mandated courses and test for a state teaching certificate are also included.

If you are a member of an Indian tribe, you are eligible for this opportunity. You will need to have or be close to an Associates (two-year college) degree. Contact Dennis Patch or Dr. Jay Cravath at (928) 669-8831 for more information.

Bee removal policy clarified

Both the CRIT Fire Department and CRIT Environmental Protection Office respond to bee calls. Those requesting bee removal will be asked to sign a "Consent form for the removal of bees", to allow our personnel to take the necessary steps

to remove the bees from your home.

The following is a list of some of the problems associated with removing bees:

1. Possibility of structural water damage, both to the inside and the outside of your home, including the drywall and the paneling.
2. Possibility of structural damage resulting from the removal of boards, roofing, or paneling.
3. Possibility of damage to trees, plants, and lawns including accidentally knocking down or deliberately cutting down various plants and damage caused by trucks to lawns.
4. Possibility of lingering odors of fermenting honey and decaying bees, if all the bees or beeswax is not removed.
5. Possibility of damage to appliances or outdoor furniture.
6. Possibility of damage to electrical wires.

CRIT Fire will assist you with the removal of bees from your residence three times only. But you must take these added steps to insure that the bees will not return. Use the ones pertaining to your situation:

1. Paint area with white paint.
2. Replace any and all boards immediately after painting.
3. Cover or fill all holes or cavities in trees or outside walls, in foundation and in the roof.
4. Put screens on windows, water meter boxes and attic vents.
5. Remove any trash or debris that might serve as a shelter for bees.

Please visit the CRIT Fire Department web page at www.critonline.com under Department; Fire, for more information.

College to offer language courses

Cook College in Tempe has announced that it will be offering classes in several Native languages, including Navajo, Pima and Lakota. For more information, please call the college at (480) 968-9354, or visit www.cookcollege.org.

Parker High Homecoming planned

A variety of activities are on tap for this year's Parker High School Homecoming. Those include the following:

- A Welcome Party will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Joshua Mall.
 - An Alumni Tea will be held on Friday, October 21 from 1:30-4 p.m. at the new multi-purpose room on campus.
 - The homecoming game itself is on Friday, October 21 against Wickenburg.
 - There are a variety of activities planned for Saturday, including a breakfast, ATV/boat event, Alumni Golf Tournament, Saloon event, barbecue and an all-class party.
 - On Sunday, October 22, there will be a farewell breakfast at Badenoch's in Parker.
- For more information on the events, visit www.parkerbroncs.org, send an e-mail to parker@parkerbroncs.org or call (480) 586-5040.

Cemetery Committee looks for cooks

The CRIT Cemetery Committee is seeking part-time Mohave cooks. You must be reliable and dependable, have a valid food-handlers card and provide your own transportation.

To obtain a food-handlers card, call Stanley Mark at (928) 669-8187. If you have any questions or are interested in the position, call Priscilla Eswonia, CRIT Cemetery Chairperson, at (928) 669-2076.

Congressman offers appointments

U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva, whose district includes the CRIT reservation, is offering appointments to meet with him or his staff in Parker on the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The appointments will be held at the Town of Parker Community/Senior Center at 1115 12th Street. Grijalva and his staff can assist local residents with such federal issues as:

- Social Security and Medicare
- Military and Veterans' Affairs
- Internal Revenue Service
- Immigration and Passport Inquiries
- Disability
- Department of Labor
- Education

To schedule an appointment, call Grijalva's Yuma District Office at (928) 343-7933.

CRIT members celebrate return of La Paz Lands

It was a day that was 90 years in the making.

CRIT members celebrated the long-awaited return of the La Paz Lands to the Tribes in ceremonies and events on August 27th.

The La Paz Lands is a 15,000-acre parcel that was taken from CRIT by the federal government in the early 20th century.

Numerous efforts to have the lands returned over the years were unsuccessful, but in early August, President Bush signed the Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act, returning the lands to CRIT.

Congressman Raul Grijalva, who represents CRIT in Congress, sponsored the legislation which was also supported by U.S. Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl, among other members of Arizona's congressional delegation.

The celebration of the return of the lands began early in the morning of August 27th, as almost two dozen runners left from the Poston Monument on a 20-mile run to the northwest corner of the La Paz Lands, where a blessing ceremony was to be held.

A few hours later, more than 100 people gathered at the site to hear current and previous Tribal leaders and Tribal elders speak about the return of the lands and give blessings and thanks.

"This effort has been ongoing since 1915," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "All the Tribal Councils since then have worked on this and asked for our land back. Time after time, we have been denied. But today, I'm happy to gather here with you on *our* land."

Former Tribal Chairman Anthony Drennan, Jr. provided a blessing of the lands and praised the decision of the federal government to return the lands to CRIT.

"Today is a great day for the members of CRIT," he said.

"We've come a long way, and today is a proud new day for us."

Drennan Jr. was joined by Tribal elders Joe Sharpe and Henry Little in speaking at the event, and traditional dancing and singing helped usher in this exciting new era for the Tribes.

Later in the day, hundreds of Tribal members gathered in the Mohave conference rooms at the BlueWater Resort & Casino for another celebration of the landmark event.

The room was adorned with copies of old photos and historic documents marking the progress of the Colorado River Indian Tribes over the years, and those in attendance were treated to a variety of traditional entertainment, dance and songs.

A number of Tribal leaders and people who were involved with the La Paz Lands efforts spoke to the crowd, and dignitaries from the local, state and federal level attended the event.

Those dignitaries included Congressman Raul



(Above) Runners make their way from Poston to the ceremonial blessing of the La Paz Lands. (Left) The Ase S'maav singers perform during the event at the BlueWater Resort & Casino. (Directly below) Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr. addresses the crowd at the blessing ceremony. (Bottom) Dancers in traditional dresses participate in the blessing ceremony at the La Paz Lands site.



Grijalva and others who supported the effort.

Parker resident and tribal member Helena Fisher said at the event that she was thrilled about the return of the lands to CRIT.

"On an emotional level, I can't really express what I feel," she said.

"It's really, really good, like having a child come home. The elders talk about how they were forced to move in the past. They had good land there, and even though some of our lands have not been returned, to see this come back is so good."

Dressed in a traditional Mohave outfit, 18-year-old tribal member Jacqueline Stone of Parker said she was excited to be a part of the celebration.

"I've heard about the La Paz Lands from my Mom and my relatives," she said.

"They waited all this time and now they are proud to have it back. There's a big crowd here and everyone is happy that we got these lands that were ours in the beginning."

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**— Tribal member
Helena Fisher**

One Hundred Ninth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fourth day of January, two thousand and five*

An Act

To correct the south boundary of the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Arizona,
and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, FINDINGS, PURPOSES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Act of March 3, 1865, created the Colorado River Indian Reservation (hereinafter “Reservation”) along the Colorado River in Arizona and California for the “Indians of said river and its tributaries”.

(2) In 1873 and 1874, President Grant issued Executive Orders to expand the Reservation southward and to secure its southern boundary at a clearly recognizable geographic location in order to forestall non-Indian encroachment and conflicts with the Indians of the Reservation.

(3) In 1875, Mr. Chandler Robbins surveyed the Reservation (hereinafter “the Robbins Survey”) and delineated its new southern boundary, which included approximately 16,000 additional acres (hereinafter “the La Paz lands”), as part of the Reservation.

(4) On May 15, 1876, President Grant issued an Executive Order that established the Reservation’s boundaries as those delineated by the Robbins Survey.

(5) In 1907, as a result of increasingly frequent trespasses by miners and cattle and at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the General Land Office of the United States provided for a resurvey of the southern and southeastern areas of the Reservation.

(6) In 1914, the General Land Office accepted and approved a resurvey of the Reservation conducted by Mr. Guy Harrington in 1912 (hereinafter the “Harrington Resurvey”) which confirmed the boundaries that were delineated by the Robbins Survey and established by Executive Order in 1876.

(7) On November 19, 1915, the Secretary of the Interior reversed the decision of the General Land Office to accept the Harrington Resurvey, and upon his recommendation on November 22, 1915, President Wilson issued Executive Order No. 2273 “. . . to correct the error in location said southern boundary line . . .”—and thus effectively excluded the La Paz lands from the Reservation.



(Top left) The first page of the Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act. (Above) Tribal members sing traditional songs at the blessing ceremony at the La Paz Lands. (Below) Several hundred Tribal members attended the celebration at the BlueWater Resort & Casino. (Bottom left) Congressman Raul Grijalva (center, with glasses and grey shirt) joins Tribal and community leaders at the celebration. (Bottom right) Attendees at the celebration enjoyed a very special cake in honor of the occasion.



Poston project, charter school keep Education Dept. busy

By the CRIT Education Department

A grant written to begin Phase 1 of building a museum and visitor center at the old site of Poston Camp One has been offered to CRIT.

The \$81,200 grant will pay for a perimeter fence, archaeological survey, relocation of a barrack, and a roof for the gymnasium.

CRIT Farms recently cleaned the site of overgrown weeds to reduce the potential for fire hazards, and spruced the grounds up. Committee members, as well as Poston citizens, are grateful to the Farms' employees for their hard work in the hot sun.

In other Poston-related news, the Sacramento members of the Poston Project (former internees of Camp III) held a meeting to discuss updates. One area of concern is for the loss of artifacts as elders pass away.

These would include photos, letters, diaries — any record of life at the Camps. If your family has memorabilia or memories, including having lived in the Camps after the war, please be certain that your family keeps track of it.

Those wishing to donate artifacts for the Poston Restoration Project should call the Education Department at (928) 669-8831.

Four Nations Community School on track

The tribal charter school is one step closer to receiving funding from the state.

Deemed administratively complete, the application has been forwarded to a review panel to see if the curriculum and business plan meet



Work continues on creating a museum and visitor center at the Poston Internment Camp.

the guidelines set forth by the charter board. If Four Nations is given a charter, the Education Department has plans to open a K-2 school with plans to eventually expand to K-8.

Education Director says school attendance is key to academic success

Students who attend school regularly do better academically. Students who miss school, get behind in their lessons and constantly struggle to keep up.

The importance of getting your child to his classroom every day is crucial to success in their academic endeavors, said Tribal Councilman and Education Director Dennis Patch.

He also notes that the Tribal Council has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for persistent truancy. The tribal police have designated a special Truancy officer.

The Education Department is working with Parker School District, Child Protective Services, the Attorney General and the courts to identify students who have more than five unexcused absences. Parents and guardians of children with excess absences have been prosecuted in Tribal Court and court-ordered to comply with recommended services.

Education Department Partners with University of Arizona Student Health Group

The Public Health Student Alliance (PHSA) of the University of Arizona was looking for ways to help tribal students in need with school supplies and new clothing for the start of the year. The group is part of the Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, and their mission includes promoting public health at the university and throughout the community.

Staff of the CRIT Education Department consulted with families who could benefit from PHSA's help and sent the group a wish list for a number of designated children. For more information regarding this organization, visit www.u.arizona.edu/~cnielson/phsa/.

Announcements

Students excel in Las Vegas school

Skyler H. Pintor and Anthony D. Pintor, grandsons of Dennis & Norma (Moore) Naranjo, completed their 6h grade year at Von Tobel Middle School in North Las Vegas. Skyler joined beginning band and received a Musician's Award for his trumpet playing and was invited to join the advanced band next year, passing up intermediate band. He is also going to be placed in advanced math class. He missed a perfect attendance award only because his second day of school he went to the wrong lunch.

Anthony D. Pintor received a perfect attendance award and a 6th grade Science Award. Only one Science Award is given to each grade level. Both students are active their church, scouts, and activities with the City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas Indian Center and student activities through the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe's Health & Human Services programs. They volunteer with Clark County School District Indian Education Office and participate in the Title VII and JOM programs.

Member wins New Mexico track gold medal

Kelly Bilnashnibah McCabe, a junior at Highland High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was a State Track and Field gold medalist in the Mile and 1/2 Mile this past spring. She also plays basketball and is in the Honor Society. She is daughter of Dorothy "Dodee" McCabe, formerly of Parker, and granddaughter of the late Franklin McCabe Sr. and the late Alice C. McCabe. She has a brother, Tony McCabe.



Parker High student makes the grade

Lynnys LaRae Gonzales, a 15 year old CRIT member and the daughter of Michele Gonzales and the late Fred Gonzales, is an outstanding student at Parker High School and the only Native American in the National Honor Society. She is ranked sixth in her class of 141 students. She is taking the most challenging classes offered, including Honor English, Chemistry and Pre Calculus. Lynnys is the also very active in sports as a member of the Volleyball and Basketball teams. She has managed her time effectively and has kept her priorities in line with her expectations. Lynnys is focused on her school work and is well liked by staff and her peers, serving as class president for the last four years. She plans to study law or business at the

University of Arizona. Parker High School is proud of her accomplishments. Her family would like to thank Mr.. Carlson, School Counselor for Lynnys.



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Sports, entertainment lead to opportunity for member

Sports and entertainment mix all the time. But rarely do they mix the way they're going to for CRIT Tribal member Deanna Allison.

"I just feel like athletics and entertainment go really great together," she said.

A former Little Miss CRIT, Allison has made a couple of big splashes in recent years.

The first was when she won a gold medal in boxing at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games.

She said her acting was something that complemented her endeavors in boxing, which she took as a new and different challenge. The games became the goal that drove her.

"One day I was looking for a something different, and boxing seemed like a cool thing to do," she said. "I looked at it like acting in that I was on a stage when I was in the ring. And it gave me a lot of confidence moving forward."

The second big splash she made was when she played a key role in the film "Edge of America," by renowned Native American director Chris Eyre.

The 2003 film, about a women's high-school basketball team on a Native American reservation, was shown at the Sundance Film Festival and is scheduled to be shown on Showtime this fall.

"I auditioned for it while I was living in



CRIT member Deanna Allison (left) is pictured with other cast members from the film "Edge of America," released in 2003.

Farmington, New Mexico, in front of Chris Eyre, and they hired me right there," she said.

"It was interesting because I had been involved in acting and theater for much of my life, so it wasn't new, but it was a great experience to do a film."

Now, Allison is combining her experiences in the world of sports and the world of entertainment.

She's currently finishing up a two-year internship with Warner Brothers Animation, where she is using her background in animation to provide post-production services on Warner

Brothers projects.

"I grew up watching 'The Simpsons,' and I always wanted to work in animation," she said. "This was a great opportunity for me to learn more about it and decide if it's what I want to do."

But now, she's moving in yet another direction.

After her internship ends in early October, she will become Entertainment Director for the North American Indigenous Games, where she won her Gold Medal in boxing.

One of her first jobs will be the NAIG's inaugural film festival, where "Edge of America" will be featured.

She'll also be involved in planning and will serve as a spokesperson for the 2006 games in Denver.

"I really believe in the games and I think they have a strong spirit," she said. "It was an amazing experience and I wanted to be part of it again."

In time, she said she would like to remain involved in entertainment, but would like to have more of a behind-the-scenes role.

"I really want to encourage the Native American and indigenous experience in entertainment," she said. "I think we have a lot to offer the world."

Deanna is of Navajo descent, and is currently living in the Los Angeles area. She is the youngest of five children, and her parents are Arthur and Emily McCabe Allison.

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*Thank you for helping us regain these
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Veterans to be honored for their service with Pow-Wow

New event to take place on Veterans' Day at BlueWater Amphitheater

CRIT's veterans and those currently serving our country will be honored at the first Veterans' Day Honor Pow-Wow, to be held on November 11 from noon to midnight at the BlueWater Resort & Casino Amphitheater.

The organizers are putting together the event because the Parker area has not enjoyed many celebrations of veterans over the past few years other than flag-raising ceremonies and other

traditional recognitions.

But recently, many tribes across the United States have begun the tradition of honoring their veterans with a Pow-Wow event.

The Pow-Wow is meant to be a social gathering of families and friends to pay tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom, show gratitude for the service of veterans, and to honor those currently serving America.

Given all the nation has been through over the past few years, the organizers say, this event will be an opportunity to show younger Tribal

members the importance of Veterans' Day and educate them about the sacrifices their elders have made for our country.

Veterans, family, friends and the community at large are invited to attend the event.

Additionally, those wishing to bring pictures, medals or flags are encouraged to do so, and those items will be displayed at the event.

For more information on the Veterans' Day Honor Pow-Wow, contact Bea Herder at (928) 669-7119, Phoebe Welch at (928) 669-7122, or Paul Stewart at (928) 669-7121.

Recreation facilities get major overhaul

Grant money sought for new fields, other big improvements on tap

The CRIT Recreation Department is undertaking a major overhaul of many of the Tribes' recreation facilities.

The renovation is designed to provide more opportunities for Tribal members to enjoy recreation activities and spend time with families, said Rena Van Fleet, CRIT Recreation Director.

"We want people to use these park facilities and spend more time there," she said.

The overhauls include:

- Improvements to the baseball field at Manataba Park. CRIT Farms donated new turf for the field, and a new fence and small scoreboard have been installed.

- The Veterans Memorial Park, nearby Manataba Park, is also the subject of renovations. The goal is to create new baseball and softball fields at the currently abandoned park site.

Right now, CRIT is applying for grants from the State of Arizona, the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Cal Ripken Sr. foundation to improve the park and fields.

Once that's done, Van Fleet said she hopes to have Little League, Pony League and tee ball leagues at the site, as well as baseball camps and motivational speakers.

One speaker who has been asked to participate is Jacoby Ellsbury, a CRIT Tribal member who is playing in the Boston Red Sox organization after an outstanding college career.

"We want to show our kids that you have to have goals and you have to work for them," Van Fleet said. "These facilities and programs will help us present that to them."

• Irataba Hall has also been the subject of cleanups and renovations, including work on the bathrooms and improvements to the weight facilities.

However, Van Fleet said the facility needs quite a bit of work because it has been somewhat neglected over the years.

"We want to show our kids that you have to have goals and you have to work for them. These facilities and programs will help us present that to them."

**— Rena Van Fleet
Recreation Director**

October photo contest in the bag



Submit now, win in December

Hanna Tiger was the winner of the October *Manataba Messenger* photo contest with her photo of her nine-month-old cousin Taliyah, nicknamed "Lady Bug" (top). Hanna will receive \$100 for her winning entry.

Second prize goes to Joshua & Lisa Charles for their photo of three-month-old Jayden EchoSky Charles (middle). They will receive \$50 for their entry.

Third prize goes to Tomi Gonzales for this action shot of sister Lynnis Gonzales spiking a volleyball (bottom). She will receive \$25.

The photo contest will take place in every issue! The next issue will come out around December 1st. The deadline for submissions for the photo contest is November 15.

You must be a tribal member to be eligible. Additionally, no professional portraits are eligible.

To enter, just send your picture to the following address and e-mail: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn Public Relations, 7051 E. 5th Avenue Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or just e-mail the entry to critnews@aol.com.

33rd Native American Days celebration a big hit



Food, fun, dancing and music highlight festivities over weekend

Thousands of people gathered in Parker and on the CRIT reservation for the 33rd Annual Native American Days Celebration from Sept. 29 to October 1.

This year's event was one of the biggest ever, and was a celebration of Native American culture, arts, music, dance and food.

The theme of the event was "Preservation of Native Life."

The festivities included the Native American Days parade, pictured here, along with such events as a "Best Baby" contest, a movie screening of the film "Red Blood," a 10-mile run, a barbecue and several Pow-Wows.

Other events included a team-roping contest, elder activities and a variety of cultural events. The weekend-long series of events were a tremendous success and a good time for all.

(Top left) These women in traditional dress were among hundreds of CRIT members and non-tribal members who participated in the Native American Days parade, just one of several events during the weekend.

(Top right) The CRIT Environmental Protection Office offered parade attendees this float representing the EPO's important work.

(Middle) Mandy Sevada celebrates her recent crowning as Junior Miss CRIT by participating in the parade.

(Bottom right) The Colorado River Indian Band provided musical entertainment for parade-goers.



SPEAK OUT

What's on Tribal Members' minds...



Ray Martinez On the biggest issues facing Native Americans

"Drugs and alcohol seem to be the most prevalent. They take away ambition and make your goals fall to the wayside."



Alia Whiteley On the biggest issues facing Native Americans

"Methamphetamines are a major problem in our community, and it's taking over people's lives. There are not enough activities or programs for our children so they turn to drugs and alcohol because there's nothing else to do."



Tayla Tahbo On volunteering as a Parker Police Explorer

"I enjoy the Parker Police Explorers (a program through Parker High School) because it gives me something to do, something to occupy my time and the opportunity to help my community."



James & Natalie Chee On The 33rd Annual Native American Days Parade

"We liked the whole thing, especially the Bird Singers. It was a good event that brought the entire tribal community together."

ROYALTY,

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currently in the 6th grade at Wallace Elementary. NiKayla sang a Mohave song with background vocals by her father and Titus Welsh and Noah Charles, then proudly performed the Bird Dance. NiKayla was also voted Most Traditional, Most Talented, and Most Photogenic.

Es-Mana Homer-Lomayesva, 11, daughter of Sylvia J. Homer is of the Mohave, Hopi, Kiowa, and Shasta tribes is the new 1st Attendant to Little Miss. The youngest in this category, 7-year-old Tracie Jean Stanley, received the 2nd Attendant title. Deaun LaShawn Johnson was named 3rd Attendant.

The outgoing Miss CRIT is Whitney Sharpe,

a 19-year-old Mohave, Shasta and Shoshone. The outgoing Junior Miss is Tayla Hollie Tahbo, and the outgoing Little Miss is Talia Chavez.

Best wishes to all our outgoing royalty for taking a year out of their lives to represent the people of CRIT.

There were three categories introduced as part of the Miss CRIT competitions, Mr. CRIT, CRIT Brave, and Little Scout. For the first time ever, tribal males were solicited to be a part of the pageant. There were a total of five entries judged on their personal introduction (speaking ability), model presentation and traditional talent.

The new Mr. CRIT is Timothy Stevens, 21, son of Stephanie Stevens and Allen Welsh. Stevens introduced himself in his Mohave language and modeled his ribbon shirt. Tim performed a Pi-pa Quechan Warrior's dance accompanied by Jamahke Welsh.

CRIT Brave I went to Lorenzo Randy Tahbo, Jr., a Hopi, Tewa, Mohave, San Carlos Apache. He is 13 and the son of Valerie and Randy Tahbo, Sr. CRIT Brave II went to Tyrone Harper, Jr. He is the 16-year-old son of Angie and Tony Harper, Sr., and is Navajo and Mohave.

The new CRIT Little Scout is Jesse Garza, the 9-year-old son of Roxanne Kinale and Jesse Garza. CRIT Little Scout II went to Tyler Eswonia an 11-year-old Mohave and the son of Marsha Barrackman and Dennis Eswonia.

Valerie Welsh-Tahbo, Pageant Director and President of the CRIT Royalty Board of Directors, would like to thank the many people and donors who helped make the event possible. She also would like to thank the visiting royalty at the event from the neighboring Ft. Mohave and Ft. Yuma Quechan tribes, and the families of the participants.

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gaming. The NIGC's attempt to impose mandatory internal control standards on Class III gaming damaged the balance created by Congress.
"As with any business, excessive and redundant regulation by the federal government can be expensive and confusing," Eddy Jr. said.
Class III gaming includes Vegas-style games such as slot machines, black jack and other table games. Class II gaming includes Bingo and other games. NIGC had adopted Minimum Internal Controls that it sought to apply to both Class III and Class II gaming.
The court held that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act does not allow the NIGC to regulate Class III gaming in that way.
The case was filed in 2001 after the NIGC sought to audit compliance with the federal standards at CRIT's BlueWater Resort & Casino. The Tribes challenged the audit team's access to Class III records and gaming areas, believing the NIGC did not have the statutory right to access.
NIGC did not complete the audit and fined CRIT for non-compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Commission regulations. CRIT made several attempts to reach a compromise with NIGC, but it could not

reach agreement with the NIGC on terms.
The ruling found that NIGC does not have broad regulatory authority over Class III gaming. Because it lacked the authority to impose the internal control standards on the Tribes' Class III activity, the NIGC could not fine CRIT for preventing the NIGC from auditing its compliance with those regulations. The decision did recognize the agency's limited authority over other, specific aspects of Class III gaming.
CRIT, through its Tribal Gaming Agency, has primary regulatory authority over both Class II and Class III gaming. In the case of Class II gaming, CRIT shares that authority with the NIGC. CRIT shares its Class III regulatory authority with the Arizona Department of Gaming. All aspects of Tribal Class III gaming are governed by rules and regulations spelled out in CRIT's compact with the state.
"We're pleased the judge recognized that NIGC's attempted regulation was an incursion upon tribal rights and sovereignty," Eddy Jr. said. "Our tribe and other gaming tribes contribute funds to the operation of NIGC. We're grateful to know now that our contributions are not going to be used inappropriately in the future."
The National Indian Gaming Association and seven different Indian tribes from around the country filed briefs in support of CRIT's position in the lawsuit.
No briefs were filed in support of the position taken by the NIGC.

TESTING,
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a problem on the reservation and in the Parker area, although all illegal drug use will be targeted by the testing program.
"Drug use is a serious problem and one that affects all of us," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "It costs our people valuable resources and threatens the lives of many of our family, friends and loved ones.
"We want to show that we are absolutely serious about curbing drug use on our

reservation, and this testing policy will be an important step."
Preliminarily, the drug testing program is envisioned to apply to all Tribal employees, and will include random drug testing to best ensure that CRIT employees are drug-free.
"It's important that our Tribal employees, who serve all of our people and make important decisions every day, are serving our people while being free from the influence of illegal drugs," Eddy Jr. said. "It's another way we can help make sure Tribal members don't fall into the bad situations that drug use can create for them and their families."



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